

# PISTOL' USED BY CONVICT FAILS AT CRUCIAL MOMENT

Made of Bread in Prison Bakery, It Broke When He Nearly Was Free.

**By Times Special**  
BERLIN, Sept. 17.—For more than an hour, a unique weapon remained faithful to Reinhold Loschak, 38-year-old professional hold-up man, in his escape from the state penitentiary at Berlin. When he had almost attained his goal and freedom it failed him.  
Reinhold had planned his getaway for a long time, but knew that only a pistol could help him in accomplishing this feat. Where could one get such a weapon? Finally, Reinhold hit on a striking idea. He worked in the penitentiary's bakery. When the guard was not watching, he kneaded a good-sized pistol out of the dough, baked it to crispness, colored it with ashes and similar materials until it finally assumed the glint of steel. With this weapon he forced his way out of the penitentiary.  
Once in the street it seemed easy. A taxi-driver was almost instantaneously persuaded to rush off with Reinhold. When he dared to slacken down, Reinhold thrust out his grim weapon and the chauffeur obediently stepped on the accelerator.  
Reinhold, however, tried it once too often. When almost in safety the car had to slacken down, march against the desire of both the chauffeur and the impatient fugitive. Reinhold administered another violent

poke which made the muzzle of his weapon come off. It fell on the floor of the car. The chauffeur did not grasp the situation fully. Nevertheless, he was quick enough to put down his foot and the muzzle crashed—well, like stale bread. Reinhold Loschak's dream of liberty was soon ended.  
He is but a weak little fellow and amounts to nothing without a pistol.

# PAMPAS ARE NOT KIND TO GERMANS

Colonists With Cotton Crop Gone, Face Starvation.

**By Times Special**  
BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 17.—The fat lands of the Pampas and Chaco have been unkind to hundreds of German colonists, now reported in distress and faced with starvation in one of the richest lands in the world. According to reports accompanying urgent requests for aid received here, the colony of immigrants was stranded when the entire cotton crop in its district failed completely. Weeks of frost and unprecedented snow storms wiped out the whole investment of the colony, confronting its members with prospects of death by freezing and starvation in the event that material assistance is not quickly forthcoming.

## NICE PEOPLE

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